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## FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Allocation of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Homeland Security Grant Funds

Last week, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the allocation of a total of \$2.2 billion in FFY 2004 homeland security formula grant funds to states through the following three programs:

- \$1.7 billion in State Homeland Security Grant (SHSG) funds to help state and local first responders pay for planning, training, equipment, and exercises to improve their capacity to prepare and respond to terrorist attacks.
- \$500 million for a new Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), which funds information sharing, reducing the vulnerability of potential terrorist targets, threat recognition, intervention activities, and interoperable communications with a focus on preventing a weapon-of-mass-destruction incident.
- \$35 million in Citizen Corps Grant funds for use in supporting Citizen Corps Councils to involve citizens in national preparedness and prevention efforts.

DHS allocated the \$2.2 billion using the same methodology it used to allocate FFY 2003 homeland security funds. That is, the first 40% of total funding is allotted to provide each state with a base of 0.75% of all funds and each territory with 0.25% of all funds, and the remaining funds are allocated based on population. This formula results in the most populous state (California) receiving the least amount of funds per capita of any state while the least populous state (Wyoming) receives the most funds per capita.

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California will receive less than 8% (\$176.5 million) of total FFY 2004 funding even though it has 12% of the total U.S. population. By program, the State will receive \$133.96 million in SHSG funds, \$39.75 million in LETPP funds, and \$2.78 million in Citizen Corps funds.

Each state must submit a single application for funding under these programs by November 1, 2003, and must pass through at least 80% of their total allotments to local governments within 60 days of receiving their grant awards. Assuming no change in State policy, counties will administer FFY 2004 homeland security funds at the local level. While there is no non-Federal match requirement, states and localities may not use their grants to supplant funds appropriated for the same purpose.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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